

A Trip to The KBC



by Dawn Reed
E. Ky. Columnist

This week I had the privilege of attending the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Lexington.

It's the one time of the year when Southern Baptist preach-

ers all over the state get together to conduct one humungous business meeting. There's also a Pastor's Conference and a luncheon for Minister's Wives. Going to the KBC is a unique opportunity. We see many of our partners in sharing the gospel. If you've never been, it's like Thanksgiving or a family reunion. You see lots of people you already know, and then find a bunch you didn't realize you were connected to!

Sitting in the sanctuary, I looked over those gathered. I saw men and women of all ages, colors and sizes. They were pastors and wives committed to serving the Lord. Silver and white haired saints were mingled among those with no hair at all. Some pastors walked with canes and some were on walkers-having served faithfully for decades.

Others there were young, spry and excited-pastors just starting out. They carried leather bags and big smiles. All had surrendered to be used by God in whatever way He chose. Each one was a working part of the body of Christ!

During the two days, business was conducted as usual but an emphasis was on evangelism. Todd Gray, the new KBC Executive Director and Treasurer, shared, "These are challenging days. Our country is facing challenging days and our culture doesn't seem to care. . . This is not the time to huddle up and enjoy each other's company." He went on to say that 80% of our population will not be in church on any given Sunday, "That's 3.6 million, each of whom has a name. . ." he said. "It's time for us to join together and partner together to reach

KY for Christ!" Shew and praise the Lord! That's when I wished I could whistle really loud! I attempted it anyway.

In the KY Baptist Convention, we ARE partners! It doesn't matter the size of the church, the number involved in the ministry group, or the years served. . . each one is important! We are all called to reach the world with the life-saving knowledge of Jesus Christ!

Each year, we see faces from the past. That's always so much fun! We connect with preachers we know and love, our state and regional mission strategists, evangelism and Convention leaders and many others. We hugged friends and fellow laborers in the ministry-too many to name-and made new connections.

I talked to a sweet young lady named Abby who was

helping with the coffee station. After asking her several questions, I realized I had known her when she was a little girl and knew her parents from back home! She is now serving with the Baptist Campus Ministry at UK, trying to reach college students with the gospel. What a wonderful thing! She is all grown up and serving the Lord!

If you know Jesus as your Savior, you are a part of His body and He has a mission for you! He has uniquely gifted you, whether you realize it or not. He can use those gifts, your passions, personality and even your past to advance His kingdom!

There are so many parts of the body of Christ. If we all work together, we can reach KY, the nation AND the world for Christ!

Church News

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Saturday, December 7th at 5pm

Christmas on Glory Street Concert

Come, join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship on Saturday night, December 7th as The Calvary Heirs present their annual "Christmas on Glory Street" benefit concert at Calvary Baptist Church.

Preceding the concert, a Chili Supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The Chili Supper begins at 5:00 p.m. The Concert begins at

6:30 p.m.

Donations will be accepted for the supper and a Love Offering will be taken during the concert.

This year ALL proceeds from this event will go to Calvary's FUSION Youth Group to help send teens to Church Camp this summer.

Calvary Baptist is located at 21 Glory Street in West Irvine, Kentucky.

Making or Forming Judgments

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How many times that I have heard men say, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." This always nearly arises when the subject concerning the right ways of God are mentioned.

I ask, do not all of us make or form some kind of judgments upon a daily basis? Of course we do, but somehow, when the words of the Lord do not give validation to someone's form of worship, and it is pointed out to them. . . And, too, add, when there is not defense to a claim being made, then at the last, some having no answer, will resort to the statement, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." I ask again, is this the correct reply to plainly written commandments given by the Lord?

One time in a nearby county, I was trying to locate the person who was in charge of a Church of Christ in the area. Then, I naturally asked a nearby neighbor about their whereabouts. He was very friendly and even got in the auto with me to show me where he lived. Then, on the way back, I asked him why he didn't attend there? At this time, he informed me that he had always attended a denominational church, also in this area. Knowing then what their teaching was concerning the plan of salvation, he shunned the question with a response with a quote from Acts 10:34-35 that says, "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: ³⁵But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Then, I asked him the question, "What does it mean to work righteousness?" At that moment, we had reached his house, and instead of answering my question, he bounded out of my auto and walked away swiftly. I thought, what a shame a good man, good neighbor, but unwilling to defend his claim.

So, we can never be helpful to anyone in their quest for Heaven unless we know the truth and defend the truth. Paul wrote in Phillipians 1:17, ". . . knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel!"

Then, someone once said, "Well, the gospel will

defend itself! Yes, but the gospel must be studied and rightly applied to get the job done. Consider 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." So, then, one cannot rightly do this without studying, learning, knowing the truth all together. Also in 1 Peter 3:15, it says, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" If you are a Christian, and have been one for some time and cannot give the Bible answer concerning what it is to work righteousness according to God's plan of redemption, then there is something wrong in you claim to be a member of the Lord's church. Again, in 1 Peter 4:11, it is written, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ. . ."

So, then, if we possess the strength of mind to study, learn, know the truth, then we also have been given the ability to make and form righteous judgments, according to what we know and do.

An example can be, if we have a friend or acquaintance who may be practicing something contrary to scriptures, and we, with the knowledge of the Bible within us, and eat of concern for his spiritual well being, we point this out to him, are we making a judgment or forming an opinion? The answer is, "We are doing both!" But, it must be based upon only what our Lord the Righteous Judge expects for us. Our Lord states clearly in Matthew 7:2, "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." The Bible is the rule book of God. (Revelations 20:12)

So, in consideration of the Judgment Day, this is what I suggest to all, is that we study for ourselves what the Bible says, and that we retain it in our memories. This is called learning, and we then make application of it in our Christian service. Jesus says in John 7:24, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." If we fail to do this, then our very future in God's Heaven is in jeopardy. Think about it.

Call for discussion. We would like to hear from you. Call (1-859-369-4165), anytime, sincerely, Bob Casey

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So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. JAMES 1:19, 20

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So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

MATTHEW 1:17

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times, at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah

2. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks: for this is the ... of God." Power, Will, Gratitude, Travail

3. From 2 Timothy 3:1-2, Paul lists which human quality as being a sign of the last days? Adulterers, Sun worshipers, Renegades, Unthankful people

4. In Psalms 106:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord; for his ... endureth forever." Love, Good, Mercy, Spirit

5. From Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant

6. Where was Jonah when he prayed with the voice of thanksgiving? Fish's belly, Aboard ship, Wilderness, Mountaintop

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Seeds of Hope

Who better to write of God than "the man of God?" Not only was Psalm 90 written by Moses, but beneath the number of the Psalm and before the verses are the words: "A Prayer of Moses the Man of God."

What a powerful description of a Statesman and a servant-leader of God. Moses was not only God's lawgiver and leader, but was chosen by God to bring the Hebrews out of Egypt, mold them into a nation for His service and lead them to within reach of the land He promised them.

There are marvelous statements made about Moses in Hebrews: He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter and put himself at great risk. He chose to share the oppression of God's people when he could have lived a life of sin and worldly pleasure. He decided to suffer for the sake of the Lord rather than own the treasures of Egypt as he looked to his future with his King. He left the land of Egypt unafraid of the king's anger and wrath and never looked back because he kept his eyes on God who he knew would never leave or forsake him. In a bold move of leadership he commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and sprinkle blood on their doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their first-born sons.

What gave him his vision, his focus, his strength and his courage? What enabled him to look beyond the fleeting moments of pleasures in a palace to an eternity with God? Where did his wisdom and insight, patience and discipline come from? Why did he refuse worldly wealth and power?

Because of his faith in the God who is everlasting.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH
by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

PSALM 17:6-7

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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